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Murder Confession In Letter to Church

Journal Staff Report

A Las Cruces man was charged with a 2005 homicide Wednesday after he wrote a letter to an Albuquerque church confessing to the crime, according to an arrest warrant .

Jeremiah Ordonez, 28, was already being held at the Metropolitan Detention Center when he wrote a letter explaining that religion had inspired him to confess. "I don't feel bad but I read in the Bible that a killing was wrong," he wrote in the letter.

Ordonez is now charged with breaking into the Las Cruces home of Daniel Perez in search of cocaine and shooting Perez fatally in the chest, according to the arrest warrant.

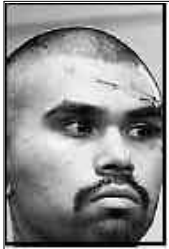
The confession letter was sent to First Family Church on Wyoming Boulevard, where it was received by a church administrator who called authorities. The letter urged him to do so, saying, "Contact federal agents. Have them come question me again willing to give full confession."

According to the arrest warrant, Doña Ana County authorities questioned Ordonez, who confessed and recounted specific details of the crime.

Ordonez has been at the Metropolitan Detention Center since August 2006.

According to jail records, he was initially arrested and charged in a separate case with aggravated battery with great bodily harm, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, robbery with a deadly weapon, aggravated eluding and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

He was still at MDC Thursday, where he was being held without bond.



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